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According to Chinese press reports, the number of tigers prowling the hillside near the Kowloon frontier has increased to four. Villagers say that tracks left behind by the tigers show four different sets of paw-prints.

Anglican Church Dispute

Sydney, Feb. 17. The County Court here today granted an injunction restraining the Anglican Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Arnold Wythe, from using or authorising any form for the administration of the Sacrament other than that contained in the Book of Common Prayer.

In September last year, the New South Wales Attorney-General objected on behalf of laymen members of the Church of England against Dr. Wythe's sanction of the "Red Book". The objects complained that the Bishop had caused breaches of trust under which Anglican Church property was held. They alleged that certain words in the "Red Book" implied belief in the doctrine of "the real presence in the sacred elements," that the Bishop used the sign of the cross over the congregation, and had the sanctus bell rung at communion, contrary to Anglican Church law.—Reuter.

CANADA'S ENVOY IN CANTON

Canton, Feb. 17. General T. C. Davies, Canadian Ambassador to China, accompanied by Mrs. Davies, arrived here by plane this afternoon from Hong Kong.—Central News.

100 CASUALTIES IN CLAN BATTLE

Despatch of troops from Canton on Monday broke up the battle between two rival village factions which started on Saturday and prevented what might have been wholesale massacre of an entire village, some 15 kilometres east of the Kwangtung capital.

The two-day "revenge" clash between the Lo clan and the Chung (not Cheung as previously reported) clan ended on Monday with more than 100 casualties, at least four known dead, mostly on the Lo side and mostly aged and children.

The County magistrate, who personally visited the scene on Monday, ordered the villagers to be disarmed pending final settlement of the feud dating back more than 100 years over the water rights of a rivulet running through the village.

Both sides have lodged claims for compensation with both the County and Provincial authorities.

Clans Mobilised

The Chung clan alleged that their "Dragon" was fired at by a member of the Lo clan when the former's "Dragon Procession" was passing through the latter's village (Wangsha). The Lo clan countered that a member of the procession fired at the shrine of their "Goddess of Mercy".

Yesterday's Canton messages, quoting eyewitnesses, said that after a hot exchange of abuse in Wangsha village, the Chungs returned to their village, where all able-bodied youths including men from four smaller clans were mobilised. They were armed with shotguns, rifles, pitchforks, and other weapons.

Thus armed, more than 100 marched on Wangsha village crying "kill, kill!" The Lo, also armed with the teeth with similar weapons, withstood a series of assaults through Saturday and Sunday morning, but began yielding ground in the afternoon.

Children Beaten
Reinforced by another 100 men, the attacking Chung clan swept into the village square and began sacking the village. Everything in their path was set on fire and destroyed. Many old villagers were beaten and seriously injured. Children suffered a similar fate.

By Sunday night, 20 village houses had been razed. County officials disclosed that a similar clash occurred a year ago, fortunately, on a smaller scale. The farmers were then disarmed but their arms were returned later for protection against bandits.

Spectacular Rise In Gold Level

Shanghai, Feb. 17. Paced by gold bars, the U.S. dollar and imported commodity prices in Shanghai jumped more than 40 percent today. As China's "printing press" currency continued to lose its value hour by hour, one U.S. dollar was sold for 215,000 C.N. dollars, a 20 percent jump within a few hours.

But the most spectacular spur was in the gold bar black market trading. The price of gold leaped from US\$560 per a ten-ounce bar to US\$700. Even those people with United States dollar holdings were changing their greenbacks for gold.

The upsurge in gold was a speculative movement, coupled with the new demand for gold as the Government relaxed its regulations permitting sales of ornamental gold. Goldsmiths were reopening their shops which had been closed for months. Prices of some commodities, including soap, matches, cigarettes, woolens and rayon goods, rose from 15 to 40 percent.

Rice Leads

As usual, rice led the climb. In "back-door" transactions, the cereal was selling ten percent above the official ceiling price.

SILVER CURRENCY PLAN CRITICISED

Nanking, Feb. 17. Suggestions for Chinese currency reform based on the silver standard drew objections during discussions of the Legislative Yuan Finance Committee yesterday when it was held "impractical and unprofitable."

The proposal for a silver basis was received from Mr. Chang Chuan-yuan, Legislative Yuan member now in the United States, who favoured it on the grounds that silver as a currency medium for more than 2,000 years in China always enjoyed the confidence of the people and that the United States has large reserves lying idle which are obtainable by negotiation.

The majority of the Committee members, however, took exception to Mr. Chang's view for the following reasons:

The United States has a silver reserve of only 190,000,000 ounces as against the nearly 1,000,000,000 ounces proposed for currency reform and China cannot hope to get even all this.

Silver in the United States is priced at 90 cents per ounce at the official rate as against 73 cents at the market quotation, which makes it unprofitable to negotiate a Government loan.

In view of the fact that the major countries of the world have adopted the gold standard, it is impractical for China to go on the silver basis, laying her open to international manipulations.

It is also held that the time is premature for any kind of currency reform at present.—Reuter.

Drama In Pompey

Portsmouth, Feb. 17. The English wives of two Chinese were found lying on the pavement in a Portsmouth street last night, seriously wounded.

A Chinese sailor, 38-year-old Yeh Cheng-shieh, was found in a nearby house, suffering from severe stomach wounds, with a knife lying near him.

Hospital authorities said today that the condition of one of the wives, Mrs. Margaret Yu Lee-yau, was "critical," but the other, Mrs. Ellen Kong, was off the danger list.

An operation was performed on the sailor, but his condition is still critical.—Reuter.

PACIFIC DEFENCE

Singapore, Feb. 17. British service chiefs, representing the air, land and sea forces, will leave here on March 22 for consultations in New Zealand and Canberra, Australia.

The services will be represented by Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, Air Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Rear-Admiral Clifford Caslon, Flag-Officer, Malayan Area, and General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces.

General Sir Neil Ritchie was admitted to hospital today suffering from rheumatism and is unable to go, his place will be taken by his Chief of Staff, Major-General Harold Redman.—Reuter.

Danger Signal In Korea

Nanking, Feb. 17. The establishment of a North Korea "Democratic People's Republic" has the "gravest political and military implications" for China, according to a consensus of official opinion here today.

Officials declared that it was the second step in the Soviet programme of setting up a string of satellites along her Siberian border to match the satellite ring on her western border.

The immediate effect of the new Soviet move will be to greatly bolster the Chinese Communist position in Manchuria, informed quarters here think. It will open the way for direct military aid to the Communists by the "independent" Korean government, they said.

Some quarters predicted another "Democratic People's Republic" would soon be set up in Communist-held Northern Manchuria which is sandwiched between Soviet-controlled North Korea and Outer Mongolia. Chou En-lai, Number Two Communist leader, stated in Nanking two years ago that the Communists would not set up an independent regime.—United Press.

Bankers To Talk Loans

SHANGHAI, FEB. 17. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAS BEEN AROUSED AMONG INDUSTRIALISTS THROUGHOUT CHINA BY THE REPORT THAT THE JOINT HEAD OFFICE OF THE FOUR NATIONAL BANKS WILL MEET IN NANKING TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF THE ISSUE OF INDUSTRIAL LOANS.

Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank, is said to have been instructed to cut short his present Taiwan tour to attend the meeting.

General expectation here is that such loans will be resumed from March 1.

All National Banks were ordered to suspend the issue of loans some weeks ago in order to prevent idle capital overflooding the money market and thus aggravate the price commodity situation. This development, however, resulted in unexpected difficulties for a large number of industrial enterprises which normally rely on such loans for current commitments.—Reuter.

Other Ten Satisfied

Manila, Feb. 17. The ten Chinese girl entertainers who are still performing at a night club here, this afternoon dismissed as ridiculous the charges, reportedly made in Hong Kong by the 12 returning members of their troupe that they were kept virtual prisoners and that their mail was censored while here.

They said they are satisfied with their work in Manila.

The Hong Kong paper "China Mail" reporting on the alleged bad treatment by the Philippine authorities of the girls who returned to the British colony, predicted that the incident would complicate the present amicable relations between China and the Philippines.—Reuter.

ALL TRASH

Karachi, Feb. 17. Press reports that M. A. Jinnah is ill and plans to retire as Pakistan's Governor-General were termed "trash" today by Jinnah's secretary, Syed, Mohamed Yusuf.—Associated Press.

Flatiron



Total width no more than twenty feet, but how many can identify it and say where it is? The Ho Tung Building, it occupies the former site of the Central Market in Queen's Road. (China Mail photo).

Shanghai Given A Fright

Shanghai, Feb. 17. While fighting raged with unabated violence in Manchuria and South-West Shantung today the civil war spread to the front doorsteps of Shanghai when a Communist guerilla band of 150 men landed on the coast near Hangchow Bay, about 40 miles south of Shanghai. Believed to have come from the Chusan Archipelago, on the southern entrance to Hangchow Bay, the band was surrounded by Government reinforcements shortly after landing and routed in a one-and-a-half hour battle.

Kanazawa Hanged

Colonel Kanazawa Aso, Hong Kong's Kamptul Chief in the latter stages of the occupation, was hanged yesterday for war atrocities.

His predecessor in office, Colonel Noma, found guilty on identical charges, was hanged towards the end of last year. Kanazawa was found guilty last October of ill treatment of prisoners and causing death and physical suffering to Hong Kong residents.

An inquest was held in the afternoon at the Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, verdict of death by judicial hanging was returned.

New Price Schedule For Jap Textiles

Tokyo, Feb. 17. General MacArthur's headquarters has approved a new schedule of prices governing the sales of Japanese cotton textiles to supersede the schedule under which the United States Commercial Company operated before it transferred the sale programme for cotton textiles in January to the Bookicho, the Japanese Government's official Board of Trade.

Prices have not substantially changed, officials of SCAP's foreign trade division announced. Some prices have been slightly raised to bring them in line with prevailing levels. The few reductions apply only to articles which are not major export items. Several new textile constructions are being produced and prices set which conform to general price levels.

The new price schedule became effective yesterday but orders for goods at reduced prices will not be considered until Feb. 28.

Japanese cotton textiles can be sold on a private basis as well as on a government-to-government basis. SCAP's foreign trade division have requested that private buyers of cotton textiles negotiate directly with the Bookicho rather than through SCAP in concluding contracts for Japanese cotton textiles.

However, SCAP officials emphasised that contracts signed by the Bookicho are not valid until they have been approved by SCAP.

All cotton textiles made from cotton shipped to Japan by the C.M.M. Credit Corporation must be sold for United States dollars.—Reuter.

Tip Gave Him Away

London, Feb. 17. A man believed to be Donald George Thomas, 23-year-old Army deserter wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of a London policeman, was taken into custody in Brixton, South London, today.

The police have been searching for Thomas since Constable Nathaniel Edgar was killed in a North London suburb on Friday night.

A woman answering to the description of Mrs. Norbert Winkless, 27, woman's friend of Thomas, was also taken to Brixton police station.

The couple were arrested on a tip from their landlady. She said a couple resembling Thomas and Mrs. Winkless were staying at her home.

The couple resisted but were overpowered.—United Press.

REDS' ELECTION VICTORY

Paris, Feb. 17. Communists won a Seine-et-Oise County Council by-election held today to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the Communist member for the constituency.

The result of the voting was: Communists 4,253, Gaullists 3,000, M.R.P. (Popular Republicans) 1,525, Socialists 1,075.

In the last election in this constituency in October 1945, the Communists polled 6,307 votes compared with 6,338 for the Popular Republicans.—Reuter.

NEW SHIPPING REGULATIONS

Nanking, Feb. 17. The Ministry of Communications yesterday announced that navigation licences of the captain as well as the chief officer may be cancelled and the shipping company fined should their ship be found carrying 20, or more passengers in excess of the licensed accommodation of the vessel.

This announcement failed to indicate whether foreign ships plying in Chinese waters will be subject to the same punishment.—Central News.

SEIZURE IN "HAIYANG"

Cunningly concealed in different parts of the "Haiyang," a considerable quantity of unmanifested goods was found by Revenue Officers in the course of a routine search yesterday afternoon just before the vessel sailed for Swatow.

The seized cargo, of a general nature, was found hidden under rafts, in life-boats, and behind wooden structures.

Britain's Argument With Chile

Santiago, Feb. 17. An official statement by Chile, whose President is on his way to inaugurate a Chilean Army base on British Antarctic territory despite British protests, said early today that "Chile wishes to continue to seek a friendly settlement" with Britain.

The statement, made by Senator Manuel Trucco, Chilean Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, followed a declaration by Mr. Hector McNeil, British Minister of State, in the House of Commons yesterday that Britain would not overlook the challenge to her authority of the Chilean and Argentine Governments in occupying Antarctic islands.

Unconfirmed reports said that General Juan D. Peron, president of the Argentine, would join the Chilean President, Senator Gonzalez Videla.

The Argentine Minister of Marine, Captain Fidei Anadon, commented in Buenos Aires last night on the report that the British ship HMS "Endurance" was on her way to the Antarctic by saying that "ships of every flag can sail to that area."

Mr. Miles Clifford, Governor of the Falklands, has returned from his second tour of the Islands Dependencies in the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic. It was reported today from Port Stanley, capital of the islands, that the tour was carried out in the 2,000-ton sloop "Snipe" and extended from Port Lockroy in the Palmer Archipelago—navigation south of this point was impossible owing to ice—through to South Shetlands and the South Orkneys to the important whaling centre of South Georgia.—Reuter.

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THAT SINKING FEELING?

Shanghai, Feb. 17. Shanghai has been and still is sinking, according to official land surveys, the city has gone down 58 feet 7 inches in the last 25 years.—Central News.

Big Floods In Turkey

Istanbul, Feb. 17. Two swollen rivers smashed their dykes and engulfed south-central Turkey today, causing incalculable damage.

The entire area, reaching from Adana, Turkish town, to the Mediterranean was reported to be a huge lake. Scores of villages were flooded.

No estimate of the death toll can be given because of wrecked communications. All efforts to contact the areas by telephone were futile.

The floods were described as one of the worst Turkey has ever had.—Associated Press.

Police Swoop On Dope Peddlers

Shanghai, Feb. 17. A gigantic drug traffic network with tentacles reaching far into the upper strata of society has been unearthed by the security authorities here after two months of intensive investigation.

Twenty-eight men are directly involved in the case, considered as the most sensational one this year, ranging from army brass hats, university professors, publishers, politicians, German returned drugists, pilots and mechanics.

Also implicated is a leading member of a local bank through which investigations showed a stunning sum of over \$100,000,000 was remitted between Kunming and this city.

Its operation nucleus was located in Kunming in the form of a company which bought opium.

On the way back here last year a number of employees of a local company were noticed frequenting hotels and leading a lavish life.

Careful checks were made on their activities and mail which yielded a valuable clue which finally led to the location of the company in Kunming.

The headquarters in a concerted move with the local police cracked down on the dope ring and arrested 28 men.

The Weather

General situation—A small anticyclone centred over Manchuria is moving east, from its weak ridges extend south-west to Indo-China and south-east to the Hawaiian Islands.

Forecast—Light east-south-east winds freshening by day. Cloudy with occasional patches of light rain during the afternoon. Mild.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 76.7 deg. Fah. Minimum 62.8 deg. Fah. Rainfall 2.8 in. Wind direction 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.

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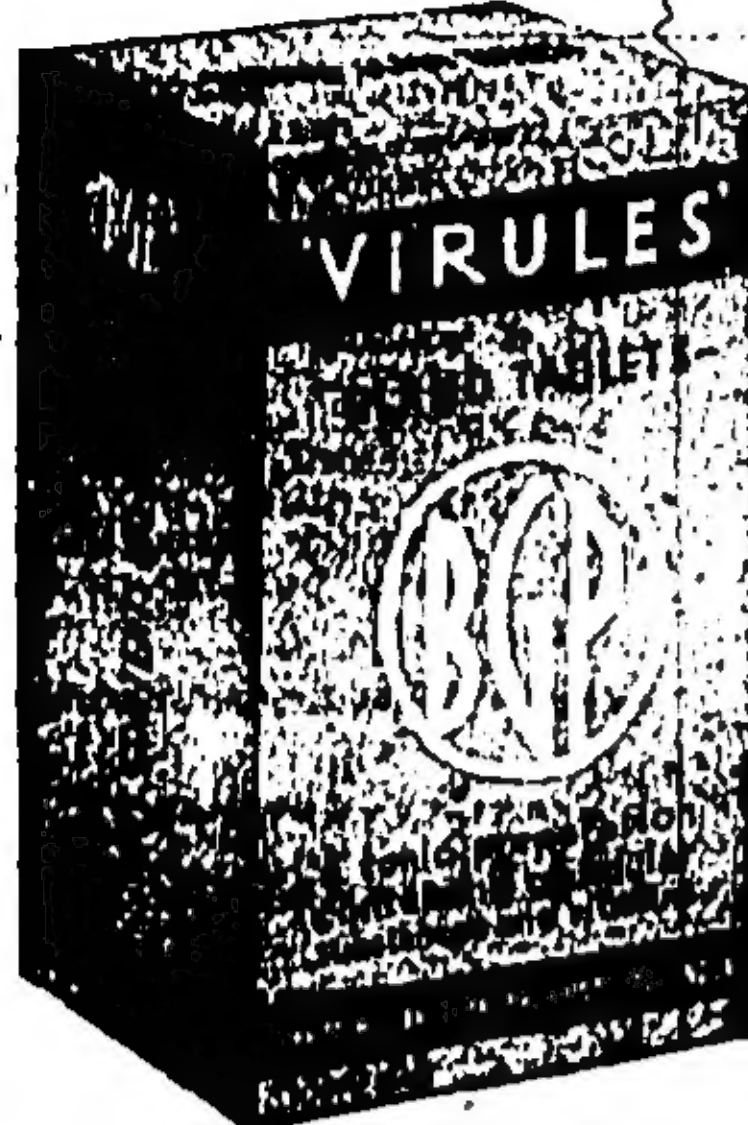
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U.S. TASK FORCE DUE IN H.K. TO-DAY

Personalia

Big Carrier And Destroyers

Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, British
Consul-General in Shanghai,
arrived in Hong Kong yesterday
accompanied by his wife and
daughter in the "Shenking".

They were met by the Hong
Kong Government Political Ad-
viser, Mr. C. B. B. Heathcote,
Smith, and a representative of
Messrs. Butterfield and Swire
on behalf of the firm's sub-
manager, Mr. W. C. G. Knowles.
Mr. Ogden and his family will
stay with Mr. Knowles until
Friday when they will move to
Government House. They are
expected to stay there until
sailing on the "Canton" for six
months leave in Europe.

Mr. Ogden has been Consul-
General in Shanghai since Sep-
tember 1945, and has spent 36
years in China. It is not likely
that Mr. Ogden will return to
the country as he has only two
more years to complete before
reaching the age of retirement.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—
Dr. G. W. Rendle, R. Burrell,
G. McLean, Robert Chater, W.
M. Culke, Mr. and Mrs. R. P.
John, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bro-
devick, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard,
C. V. Elliott, W. E. R. Revell,
Mrs. A. Bond, Mrs. C. Genders,
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Walters,
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. H. Caban,
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cheetham,
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mamber, Mr.
and Mrs. J. S. Kirkham, Mr.
and Mrs. J. Ledue, Miss E.
Seth, Mrs. D. M. Distant and
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Milne.

Peninsula departures:—Dr.
and Mrs. N. Bercoff, Rev. A.
Lecomte, Harry Y. Doorman,
Mr. H. S. Harding, Mr. and
Mrs. H. A. Kobe, J. J. Monk,
F. W. H. Mills, Miss C. E.
Cobb, Miss D. A. Huff, C.
Michael, N. S. McBain, Mr. and
Mrs. Langdale, C. G. Clarke and
S. E. Walker.

Arrivals at the Hong Kong
Hotel yesterday included Mrs.
B. Meyer and Miss K. Meyer.
Departures included V. Ma and
C. Carroll.

Arrivals at the Gloucester
Hotel yesterday included F. S.
Gellion, Mr. and Mrs. A. John-
son, Capt. F. C. C. Getchell,
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beverstock,
Mrs. E. S. Goddard and Mrs.
G. S. Sisson. Departures in-
cluded A. Heykin, E. L.
Noonan, E. A. Buckley, R.
Lemoult, A. S. Woodruff and
J. A. Bond.

Passengers who left Hong
Kong yesterday by Pan
American Clipper "Ocean Ex-
press" were:—

Manila:—Virgil Asbell, Mrs.
Alison Bond, Miss Sydney A.
Bond, Miss Jennifer E. Bond,
W. R. Davies, Harry Doorman,
Basil W. Fearon, Miss Dorothy
P. Hamblin, Benjamin S.
Ohnick, Anthony J. Woodruff,
Roldar Johannessen, Charles G.
Clark (San Francisco),—Chau
Sham Tai, Mrs. Chong Fong
See, Lam Kwok Gwong, Lowie
Yat Min, Lut Yat Samuel, Wong
Harry K. Pon Loy, (Honolulu)
—Robert C. Farina, Miss Ng
Yuk Quon, Ralph S. Tawil.

Rear-Admiral H.M. Martin, Commander U.S. Car-
rier Division 5, is visiting Hong Kong from
February 18th to 21st, in U.S.S. "Valley
Forge," accompanied by the destroyers "W.C.
Lawe" (Captain G. C. Wright), "L. Thomas,"
"Keppler" and "W.M. Wood," the whole
forming Task Force 38.

The ships are expected to ar-
rive at 8 a.m. today and
to depart on Saturday.

Arrangements for berthing and
host ships are as follows:—

Ship	Buoy
"Valley Forge"	No. 1
"W.C. Lawe"	" 5
"L. Thomas"	" 5
"Keppler"	B. 25
"W.M. Wood"	B. 25
Host Ship	Berth
"London"	North Arm
"Ossack"	No. 8 Buoy
"Constance"	No. 8 Buoy
"Consort"	No. 6 Buoy
"Consort"	No. 6 Buoy
"Black Swan"	North Wall

Task Force 38 is expected to
pass through Lyemun Pass at 8
a.m. "Valley Forge" will fire a
national salute of 21 guns which
will be answered by a 21-gun
salute by H.M.S. "London," flag-
ship of the Commander-in-Chief,
British Pacific Fleet.

The United States Consul-
General will call on Rear-Admiral
Martin on board "Valley Forge,"
after which calls will be ex-
changed between Rear-Admiral Martin
and the Commander-in-Chief,
British Pacific Fleet, the Flag
Officer Commanding, Fifth Cruis-
er Squadron and the Com-
modore, Hong Kong.

Rear-Admiral Martin will at-
tend a dinner party at Govern-
ment House on Wednesday evening,
and at Admiralty House on
Friday.

Sports
The Commanding Officers of
the four destroyers will be en-
tertained to lunch by the Com-
modore, Hong Kong (Commodore
C. L. Robertson, D.S.O.) on
Wednesday. A number of enter-
tainments and sporting events
have been arranged between the
host ships and the United States
ships.

"Valley Forge" is a Fleet Air-
craft Carrier of the "Essex"
Class. Her full load displace-
ment is 33,000 tons and she hor-
izontally carries 82 aircraft. She is
armed with ten 5-inch anti-air-
craft guns and a large number of
smaller weapons.

The forthcoming wedding of Dr.
Bee Hoan Teck, Physician, 28 Hill-
wood Road, to Miss Jessie Lin of
244 Prince Edward Road, has been
announced.

Reminders

Today

Royal Air Forces Association
meeting, Cock and Pullet
Restaurant, Duddell St., 12.45
p.m.
Annual General Meeting, Society
of Yorkshiresmen, Jacobean
Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Debating & Discussion Group
meeting, European YMCA,
1st Flr, Lounge, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Stage Club Casting, Mis-
sions to Seamen, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Muslim Mutual Aid Society,
27, Wyndham St., 5.30 p.m.
Sino-British Club Symphony Or-
chestra, St. John's Cathedral
Hall, 8 p.m.
H.K. Light Orchestra, St. John's
Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Farewell Dinner for Mr. S. V.
Boxer by Old Morrisonians,
H.K. University Alumni,
Queen's Building.
Annual General Meeting, H.K.
Lawn Tennis Association,
H.K. Cricket Club Pavilion,
5.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Anti-T.B. Association meeting of
Council & Executive Com-
mittee, Medical Headquar-
ters, H.K. Bank, 5.30 p.m.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



When all the whiskers
came and arrived in
Tea-time Hollow. Whisk
pointed to the giant Easter
egg and told them Toddlers
had wished for it so that
they should have a
treat. "And now," said
Whisk, "we shall open the
egg!" "There was a great
boom of 'Toddlers' and
Whisk said, "Mr. Toddlers,
will you please declare the
egg open!" "But what do I
do?" asked Toddlers. "Just
pull the ribbon and make a
speech," replied Whisk.

Mr. Chou Lu
In Colony



Accompanied by his wife, two
daughters and two sons, Mr.
Chou Lu, 68-year-old member of
China's State Council, arrived in
Hong Kong by the s.s. "Sheng
king" yesterday en route to
Canton.

Mr. Chou, who is also a mem-
ber of the Central Executive
Committee of the Kuomintang
said yesterday that his visit to
South China was a of a personal
nature. It was 10 years since he
last saw Canton. He does not
intend to visit his native county
of Tai-po, in northern Kwang-
tung, because of the unsettled
conditions.

A former Governor of Shan-
dong and one time Chancellor
of the Sun Yat Sen University,
he said, in reply to a question,
he had no objection to being
elected President of the Super-
visory Yuan.

He disclosed that the Central
Government was optimistic over
the current "Communist Sup-
pression" campaign. He added that
the campaign was already in full
swing north of the Yangtze and
south of the Yellow River. —
China Mail Photo

War Crimes Trial

Five more Japanese members
of the Imperial Japanese Army
are to be tried before No. 7
War Crimes Court on charges
of violating the laws and usages
of War in that they were con-
cerned in the ill-treatment of
civilian residents in Hong Kong,
causing physical suffering to
some and death to others.

The Court will assemble at
Jardine Matheson's East Point
Property at 10 a.m. on Tues-
day 24th, February, 1948.

The five Japs are:—W. O.
Omura Kiyoshi, Sgt. Nishida
Masato, S. M. Kawazumi, Jun,
S. M. Yoshioka Eizo and Sgt.
Kawai Hideo.

The Court will be comprised
of (President) Lt. Col. P.
Warwick, R.A.S.C. (Members)
Maj. V. E. Hawes, King's Own;
Capt. J. Benyon R.F.

Major M. I. Ormsby will
prosecute the accused, and a
Japanese lawyer, who will be
advised by Lt. G. L. Falkoff,
will defend them.

February Sessions Opening To-Day

The February Criminal Sessions will open at the
Supreme Court at 10 a.m. today, when Mr.
Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), will
take place in the following cases:

Richard Santos (Manslaughter),
Ngau Muk-keung (Attempt to
drown with intent to murder
and inflicting grievous bodily
harm).

Wong Ngau alias Tai Shui-
ngau, Yiu Kiu-ang alias Yu
Tau and Wong Tai alias Tai
Fai-tui (Robbery by two or
more and Assault with intent to
rob).

Wong Sin-to; Lai Ming-wai;
Ip Hung and Chan Tung-Kit
possession of arms and am-
munition).

Wong Shung, Lo Wa, Lau
Yung and Wong Lung (Control
of arms and ammunition).

Sing Wai-lam alias Wong
Tak-sang (Demanding money
with menaces, Assault with in-
tent to rob, Attempting to shoot
with intent to evade arrest and
possession of arms and am-
munition).

She So (Assault with intent to
rob and wounding with intent).
Wong Yau, Li Yiu and Li
Fai-yung (Armed robbery and
possession of arms and am-
munition).

Chan Kwong, Leung Fong,
Lau Shun and Lau Wui (Armed
robbery, Assault with intent to
rob, Conspiracy to rob and pos-
session of arms).



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"EXTREMELY SERIOUS" TRAFFIC CASE

"I have to consider this as an extremely serious
case," said Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon
yesterday when Hans Waeny, of T. Ott & Co.,
pleaded guilty to two summonses of driving
without due care and attention, and speeding.
Defendant was fined \$50 on the speeding and
\$100 on the first summons.

Sub-inspector Hidden said that
at 11.45 p.m. on Dec. 20 he was
driving private car 431 from
Nathan Road to the Kowloon
City Police Station. He was in
plain clothes and was in the com-
pany of Det. 100.

He was following a line of six
cars. He heard "fierce hooting"
behind him and then saw a Ford
saloon, No. 809, overtake him and
shoot past his car at approxi-
mately 40 m.p.h.

The other vehicle, said Hid-
den, was on the outside of the
road, and overtook all the cars
in the row. At Austin Road
corner, defendant's car forced an
oncoming car to slow down.

Gave Chase

The prosecuting officer said he
gave chase to defendant, who
went through the built-in area at
37 m.p.h. Before reaching the
Alhambra Theatre he drove level
with defendant and shouted to
him to stop stating that he was
a Police officer.

Waeny drove his vehicle to-
wards the Inspector's car and
tried to prevent going on to the island
in the centre of the road.

When Waeny drove off, Hidden
again gave chase and finally
caught up with him at Gascoigne
Road, at the bottom of the Kow-
loon Magistracy steps.

Waeny said Hidden, remark-
ed:—"Nobody told me it was 20
m.p.h." A lady sitting near to
Waeny was alleged by Hidden to
have said, "Officer, I thought
you were j.king!"

No Difference

Waeny stated in Court that he
did not know Hidden, was a
Police officer as he was in plain
clothes.

"It makes no difference whether
he was a Police officer or not.
Any citizen could lay a
complaint against a motorist for
speeding," said Mr. Latimer.

Hidden added that de-
fendant was going at between 37
m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. all the way
from Nathan Road to Gascoigne
Road.

Imposing the fines, the Magis-
trate informed defendant that
his licence would be endorsed
"and if you do it again your
licence will be taken away."

**ASSAULT AT
RITZ**

A fine of \$100 was imposed on
Mak Chi Wai, 25-year-old clerk,
when he appeared at the Central
Magistracy before Mr. J.G. Con-
klyn yesterday on a charge of
assaulting the manager of the
Ritz Ballroom, at 1 a.m. on Feb.
17.

Insp. Brownrigg said that de-
fendant had been told earlier in
the evening that he must behave
himself or he would have to
leave. As he was going he walked
up to the manager and hit him.

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of Mr. L. B. Wood) \$10, Restoration
Box \$42.65. Total \$112,912.56.

Judge Expresses Regret

Regret that it was not within
his power to do anything to as-
sist much as he would like to,
was expressed by Mr. Justice
E. H. Williams (Chief Justice)
at the Supreme Court yester-
day, when he granted an order
for possession of premises
known as 521 and 523 Queen's
Road West, 1st, 2nd and 3rd
floors.

The defendants, who claimed
that they had entered upon the
premises with the permission
of an alleged caretaker, said
that they had spent a consider-
able sum in repairs. They had
also paid the water rates, taxes
and Crown rent of the pre-
mises.

The plaintiff said that the de-
fendants had, on some date un-
known, wrongfully entered the
premises without his consent or
the consent of his predecessor
in title. They were wrongfully
occupying the premises and
thereby depriving the plaintiff
of their use.

Granting the application, Mr.
Justice Williams told defendants
that they must vacate the pre-
mises by Mar. 31, with liberty
to apply. He said that he had
no option in the matter, as the
Court was not a Court of Equity.

In law, the defendants were not
tenants of the landlord and the
order for possession must be
made.

The plaintiff, Look Hoy-wai of
14 Bonham Road, 1st floor, was
represented by Mr. G. S. Ford.
The defendants, Chan Hon,
Choi Kai-cheung, Ho Kit, Yuen
Yiu, Yuen Yau, Mak Nui, Leung
Kau, Fung Yau, Chan Kam-
chuen, Liu Hoi, Yuen Ping,
Yuen Fan, Crang Tse-kong,
Chan Ping, Lo Yiu, Leung Chi-
choi, Chun Nui, Tsang Chit-fu,
Ho Sau, Wong Kam, Mak Mui,
Chu Chi-shing, Leung Kui-man,
Leung Ping and Iu Wing ap-
peared in person.

MEAT SHOPS
Proprietors of meat shops are
informed that by By-laws, published
by Government Notification No. A.
37 of Jan. 25, 1948, the Urban Council
has power to control and license
establishments as meat (or cooked)
meat shops.

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UNIQUE APPLICATION AS A SEQUEL TO JURY VERDICT

Sovereigns Seized

"If you confiscate the gold, the two persons concerned would have to go without schooling," pleaded Kam Shu-ching, 30-year-old woman, before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Kam was charged by Revenue Officer Knox with importing 40 gold sovereigns at the K.C.B. Station at 1.30 p.m. on Feb. 16. The coins were ordered to be confiscated.

The Magistrate advised defendant to approach the Imports & Exports Department if she wanted the return of her coins.

Defendant (and R. O. K. X) was asked by a Female Searcher whether she had anything to declare and replied in the negative. The coins were found in two packets in a pocket of a jacket she was wearing under her long gown.

Accused said that she was carrying the sovereigns for two friends, one of whom was a pupil of the Maryknoll Convent School. The coins were to be used for payment of school fees.

On the application of Det. Inspector J. M. F. Frost, Lam Sing (25) was remanded for three days in custody by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. The charge against Lam is criminal intimidation of one Ho Yu-lan at Kowloon on Feb. 2.



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Murder Sentence Recalled

"It is quite clear that in dealing with the capital charge, the importance of the verdict being unanimous is something of the first magnitude."

These remarks were made yesterday by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., when an application for directions—the first of its kind in the Colony—was heard by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Additional Judge).

The application was the outcome of a verdict at the trial of Lam Kui and Chung Kai, charged with the murder of Lo Bo at Second Street on May 28, 1947.

It was claimed that the jury was not unanimous and the application heard yesterday was for directions that an affidavit be taken from one or more of the jurors on the point as to whether unanimous verdicts of "Guilty of Murder" had been actually arrived at as against Lam Kui and Chung Kai.

Mr. d'Almada, who is appearing for Lam Kui and Chung Kai, was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Mr. A. J. Clifford appeared on behalf of the Crown.

Mr. d'Almada said that Lam Kui and Chung Kai, who were sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice), on Nov. 29, 1947, were appealing against the sentence on the ground that the verdict of the jury was wrongly delivered, in that it was not a unanimous verdict.

As appeared from an affidavit which had been filed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, defence counsel, the foremen delivered verdicts of "Guilty of murder" against the first and third accused, an unanimous in each case, when in fact the verdicts were not unanimous.

Saw Judge

The jury were divided four to three in each instance. The only unanimous verdict returned against the first and third accused were the verdicts of "Guilty of manslaughter."

Mr. Silva's affidavit also disclosed that three of the jurors—Y. P. Choy, M. P. Pinn and H. W. Young—interviewed the trial judge in Chambers about these verdicts immediately after the trial.

It was obvious that the best evidence was necessary, as Mr. Silva's affidavit was only based on hearsay and second-hand hearsay at that; he heard of the matter through Singman Choy, brother of Y. P. Choy.

Mr. d'Almada said that it was quite clear from the authorities that the Court could and should obtain affidavits from the jurors concerned on the point as to whether or not their verdict was unanimous.

As mentioned in Mr. Silva's affidavit, the jurors in question did interview the Chief Justice immediately after the trial, but the latter, being out of office at the time, could do nothing in the matter, even if he wished to do so.

Statutory

It was statutory that the verdict in murder trial must be unanimous. Apart from being statutory, it was also a matter of common sense that unanimity was necessary. It was quite clear that in dealing with the capital charge, the importance of the verdict being unanimous was something of the first magnitude.

He did not mean to suggest that the Court should consider the deliberations of the jury in the box or when they had returned to consider the verdict.

It was quite clear from the authorities that in other matters, such as competence of a juror, his ability to understand the language in which the case is conducted, the Court does receive evidence by affidavit from jurors.

Affidavits by the jurors that one

juror, having been present when the verdict was delivered and not

voiced his dissent, is estopped from being heard on the point that he did not assent to the verdict. If that was the law, it certainly was not the case at present, according to Lord Atkin in a Privy Council case and a case before the Court Appeal.

The true inference to be drawn from the verdict of a jury in the box and in respect of which no protest is raised, is that it gives rise to the presumption that that is the verdict of the jury, but that presumption may be rebutted.

Standard Of Jurors

At worst, all that could be put against a juror who did not make any protest at the time but does say so some time later, is that the delay may go to the credit of what he subsequently says, but has no bearing upon the question of its admissibility.

Mr. d'Almada then referred to the standard of jurors in Hong Kong and emphasised the differences in race, temperament and character of those serving on juries. He said that a similar situation would never be experienced in the case of a jury in England.

Mr. d'Almada went on to say that this Colony now has women serving on juries and in quite of the emancipation of women, there were still a large number of "timid creatures."

It might so happen that one of these timid creatures should serve on a jury. Although dissenting from what the foreman says is a unanimous verdict, she might, through self-consciousness or through awe at the sight of the Chief Justice in his scarlet robes or because of the crowded Court, fail to make herself heard.

Would it be right to suggest that this "timid creature" should be precluded from being heard, in a more congenial atmosphere, that she did not assent to the verdict as announced by the foreman?

No Rule

There was no hard-and-fast rule which laid down that because a juror failed to express dissent with the verdict when delivered, he could not be heard on the point at all. If a juror allowed some time to pass before making his protest, less weight would be attached to his evidence, but in this case, something was done immediately after the trial.

Mr. d'Almada requested that the Court direct that affidavits be obtained from the particular jurors that they did not agree with the verdict.

Where the lives of two men were concerned, he could see no ground for opposition by the Crown. In the interests of justice, the matter should be investigated.

Replying, Mr. Clifford said that it was quite clear from the authorities that where jurors were present in Court when the verdict was delivered, the validity of the verdict could only be rebutted by showing that they were not competent or otherwise.

Mr. Clifford emphasised that the safety of jurors was at stake and sight should not be lost of the fact that the question of intimidation was ever present. Affidavits by the jurors that one

EARL GOVERNOR OF LEWARDS

It is announced by the Colonial Office that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Earl Baldwin of Bewdley to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands in succession to Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., who vacated that office recently on his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Earl Baldwin was born in 1899 and, after military service in the war of 1914-18, acted as His Majesty's Vice-Consul in Boulogne in 1919. He was M.P. for Dudley from 1920 to 1931. He was elected as Member for Paisley in 1945 and recently vacated his seat on succeeding to his father's earldom.

He was applying for leave to amend the statement of claim by adding between the words "defendants" and "and" the words "by their negligence". It was also desired to amend the particulars by insertion of the following: "Defendants attempted to smuggle the said goods without the consent of the plaintiffs and contrary to their agreement, to pay Customs duties and carry out all other formalities."

He agreed that any costs thrown away should be against the plaintiffs.

Opposed

Opposing the application, Mr. Loseby said that it was an exceptional case and it was his duty to resist. The underlying principle of amendment was that litigants should not be prejudiced and leave to amend was only granted in certain circumstances.

He asked whether it was possible that plaintiffs had overlooked the fact that negligence must be relied on or that if they alleged it, they must allege it with precision. The defence must have full details and time to prepare an answer. If the amendment was allowed, it should be on terms that involved a re-hearing. Furthermore, it should be made clear to the plaintiffs that no further amendment will

be granted. Mr. d'Almada expressed great surprise that Mr. Clifford should urge that principles should be upheld at the cost of the lives of two men. He had heard principles of that kind expressed in the opposite manner.

It was a common principle that "better nine men escape on a charge of murder than one innocent man be hanged."

No one knew why the jurors did not dissent on the spot. If directions were given, then it would perhaps be possible to find out. Mr. d'Almada said that he could see no danger to jurors as a result of the application being granted and concluded by quoting: "Finally it is a good thing, but justice is a better one."

After a short deliberation, Mr. Justice Gould announced that the Court would deliver judgment at 9.45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Medicine Man In Court

While on patrol duty in Tung Choi Street on Feb. 16, Sub-Inspector W. Apps came on a pith occupied by an itinerant medicine seller who was beating a big drum.

Apps found the man, Siu Kwan (24), in possession of a 3-pronged fork, a sword, two long-handled spears, a curved spear, two long-handled broad-bladed knives and two long-handled swords; he had no permit from the Commissioner of Police, and was occupying Crown land without a permit.

When Siu appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with possession of arms and illegal occupation of Crown land, SI Apps applied for, and was granted, a remand of 48 hours for further inquiries.

ROAD CLOSED

It is notified by the Commissioner of Police that the water mains in Arbuthnot Road are now under repair and Arbuthnot Road between Wyndham Street and Caine Road is closed to Vehicular Traffic as from 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1948, until repairs are completed.

Successful Move For Amendment In Recovery Case

An application to amend the statement of claim in the case in which The Kai Cheong Firm are claiming for the recovery of goods, or, alternatively, the sum of \$20,881, was granted by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) yesterday. Hearing was adjourned till Mar. 9, at 10 a.m.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, is appearing for The Kai Cheong Firm.

The defendants, The Gruen Hing Firm, are represented by Mr. Charles Loseby instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Chamber of Messrs. Hastings & Company.

In his application to amend the statement of claim, Mr. Bernacchi said that as the first defendants were private carriers, the plaintiffs must show a prima facie of negligence. It was possible that the defence would argue that negligence should have been pleaded.

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1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half Hour.
6.15 p.m.—Transcription Service: "On His Majesty's Service"—"On board the pirate destroyer".

6.30 p.m.—De Gruen and His Orchestra with Grace Fields (Soprano).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Rawles and Landauer on Two Pianos.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring You Music" Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.

8.30 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by Vera Rutzen-Jones-Dezal (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by the Very Rev. Father D'Almada.

8.50 p.m.—Studio: A Talk by Donald McCullough "The Punch Table".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.15 p.m.—Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay: "The Voyage of the Pami"—By Sail from New Zealand to England.

9.45 p.m.—Dance to the R.A.F. Dance Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Beau Geste" by P. G. Wren.
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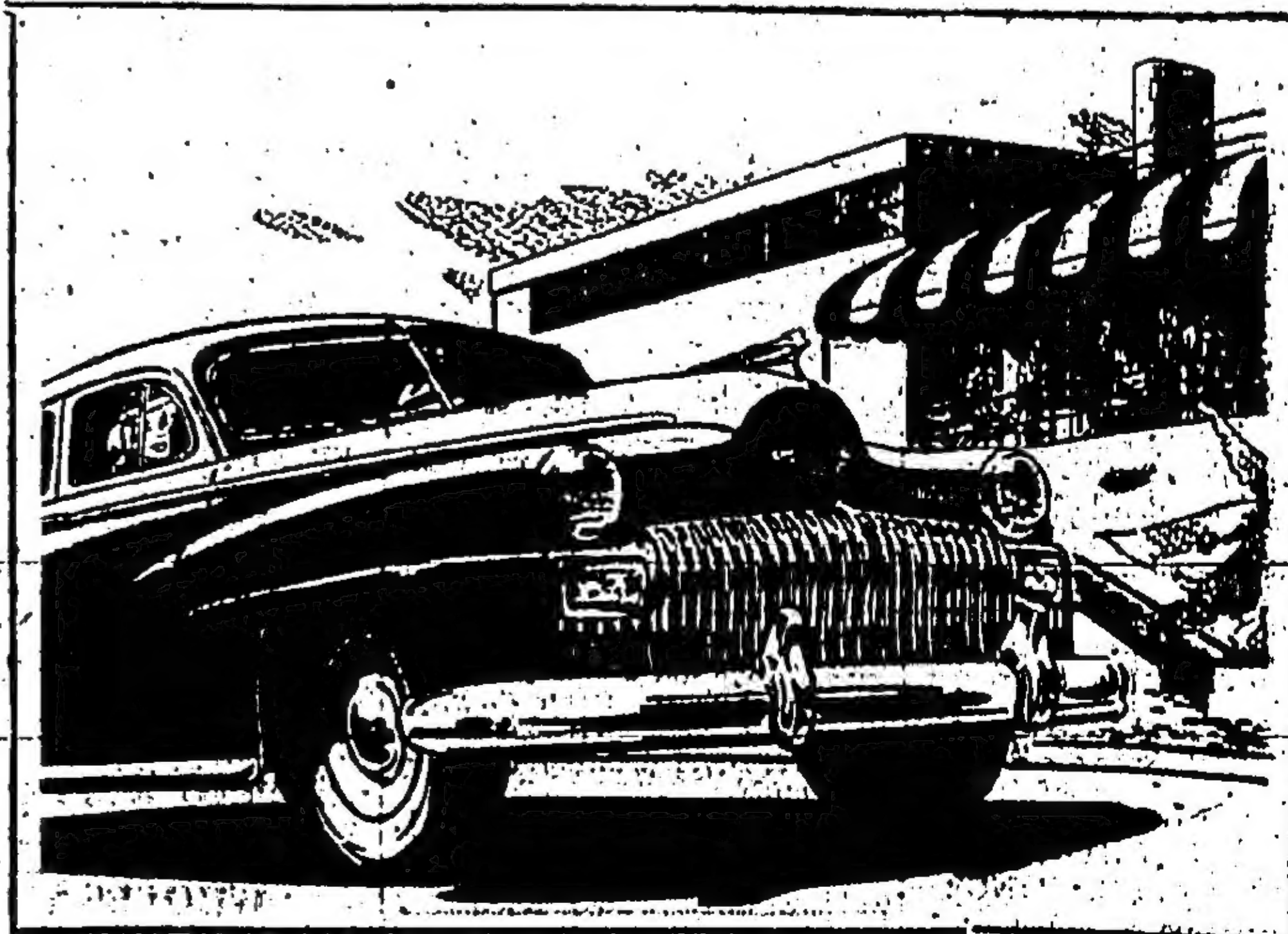
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POLICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARRIVAL IN THE COLONY OF REAR ADMIRAL HAROLD M. MARTIN OF UNITED STATES NAVY ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEB. 1948.

1. ARRIVAL

Rear Admiral Harold M. Martin of United States Navy is expected to arrive at Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

2. CLOSED ROADS.

The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. depending on the exact time of arrival:—

A. Connaught Road Central from Queen's Building to junction with Jackson Road, northwest corner of Hong Kong Club.

B. Wardley Street from Queen's Statue to Connaught Road Central.

C. Jackson Road between Chater Road and Connaught Road Central.

3. CAR PARKS.

The following car parks will be closed to motor traffic from approximately 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

A. Car parks in Wardley Street from Queen's Statue to Connaught Road Central.

B. Car Parks in Jackson Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the water mains in Arbuthnot Road are now under repair and Arbuthnot Road between Wyndham Street and Caine Road is closed to Vehicular Traffic as from 1 a.m. on 18th February, 1948 until repairs are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

16th February, 1948.

URBAN COUNCIL

NOTICE

Roast Meat Shops

Proprietors of roast meat shops are hereby informed that by By-laws published as Government Notification No. A. 37 of 28th January, 1948, the Urban Council has power to control and licence establishments as roast (or cooked) meat shops.

Proprietors of existing establishments are requested to apply to the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor, for a copy of the By-laws and the necessary application form.

R. H. W. MAYNARD,

Secretary, Urban Council.

13th February, 1948.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, Hongkong, on Friday the 5th day of March, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,

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Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

NOTICE

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Actg. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry

Forms for the Second Extra

Race Meeting to be held on

Saturday, 28th February, 1948

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Entries close at 12 o'clock

NOON on Thursday, 19th

February, 1948.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A General Meeting of Members will be held in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Pavilion, on Thursday, 19th February at 5.30 p.m.

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Readers' Letters

Lalchikok Beach

Sir,—During the Chinese New Year Holiday I made a stroll around Lalchikok understanding that there are new developments going ahead for the public and while I walked along the side of a stream which runs into the sea I was told that a tannery is to be built there by the side of the Lalchikok Amusement Park.

I am exceedingly astonished to hear this. If I remember correctly some say factories were built at the front shore of Lalchikok Beach and at the discretion of the Urban Council these factories were ordered to be removed in order not to contaminate the sea water.

Lalchikok Beach is the only place accessible to all class of people living in the Kowloon Peninsula the beaches at New Territories are only for car owners, and swimming is the only suitable enjoyment the population of Kowloon can have in summer.

A tannery gives an offensive smell and especially will contaminate the sea water; therefore I hope the Urban Council or any authorities concerned will take immediate steps to safeguard the only and last swimming beach in the Kowloon Peninsula for the public. Any one can testify that there are at least 4,000 people swimming at the Lalchikok beach during the week ends; therefore the personal benefit of one man should not ruin the privilege of the public.

A SWIMMER.

Chinese Passports

Sir,—Concerning the story of cabaret girls going to Manila without Chinese passports, I file hereby my protest to the Chinese Foreign Office for its inconsistency and irrational system in such affairs.

There are a million Chinese nationals in this Colony. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Kwangtung and Kwangsi, has definitely announced that he has instructions not to issue any passport in Hong Kong.

This means that to get passports in Chinese have to go to Canton and wait for months for the result of secret police investigation and "statistical" tabling. Many Chinese whose fathers were not Kwangtung and Kwangsi-born might have to go to Manchuria or Chinese Turkestan. In the case of the dancing girls they would have to travel to Shanghai where they come from.


In short, the Chinese "laws" governing the issuance of passports has made it impossible for Hong Kong Chinese to get Chinese passports.

According to the late Manchu Criminal Code, whoever attempted to leave the national boundaries would be punished heavily. The provisions had something to do with the exodus of critics and revolutionary leaders whose heads the Manchus wished to chop off.

It is incredible that a "democracy" such as Mr. Hollington Tong, advocates it to be, should raise an issue over passports when such a "democracy" is actually stopping the issue of passports except to members of its entourage.

D. K. SUN.

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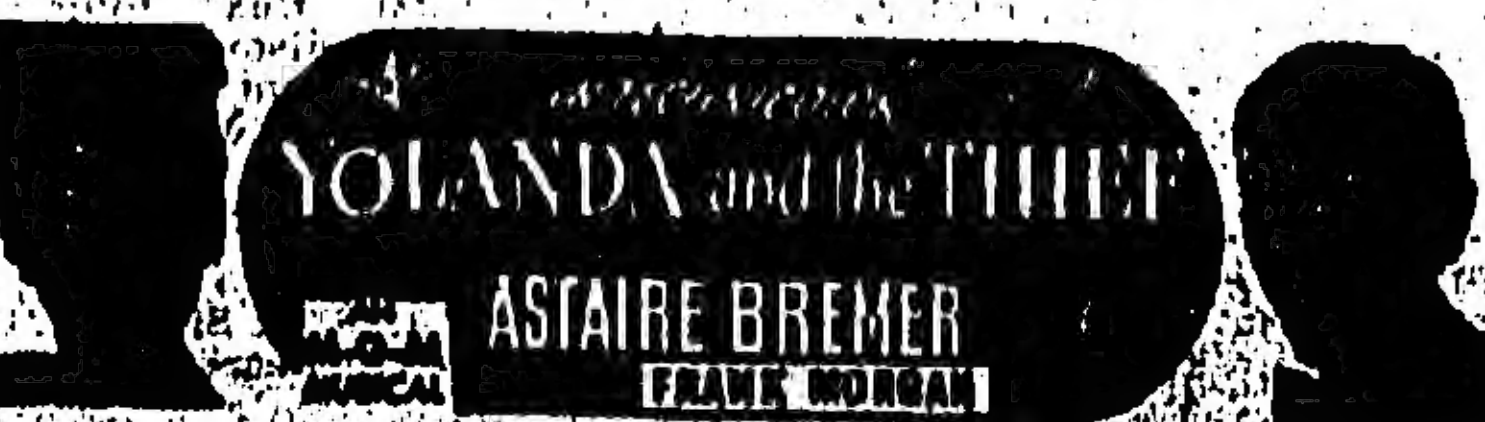
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Falkland Islands Warning

Britain Not Overlooking Challenge Of Argentina And Chile

"Nigeria" Sails From Simonstown

London, Feb. 16. A warning was made by Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, in the House of Commons today that Britain will not overlook the challenge of Argentine and Chilean naval demonstrations in the Falkland Islands, while reports came from South Africa that the British cruiser *Nigeria*, which left Simonstown today, had sailed for the Falklands.

H.M.S. *Nigeria*, an 8,000-ton ship of 10 six-inch guns, sailed on her 3,000-mile voyage four days after two Argentine and smaller craft were reported to have sailed from Buenos Aires for the Antarctic.

The President of Chile, General Videla, is also on his way to the Antarctic to inaugurate a new Chilean Army base on Greenwich Island, in the South Shetlands group, over which Britain claims control.

When reports of Mr. McNeill's speech reached Santiago, the Chilean capital, official quarters close to the Government said that Britain's attitude was "too strong and out of proportion to the events in dispute and still in the negotiation stage."

These sources added: "Chile is keeping the door open to a friendly settlement and heartily supports Mr. McNeill's statement about the necessity of avoiding provocation."

The Chilean Foreign office declined to comment officially on Mr. McNeill's statement.

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When the Nationalists say they are digging up Communists they mean it literally.

They captured 200 Reds who were dug out of a network of tunnels connecting two villages 12 miles east of Peiping where they had been hiding in daytime and from which they emerge nightly behind the Government lines.

Gen. Fu Tso-yi's men said: "We are still digging for more."—United Press.

of the London proposal that the dispute over the Falkland Islands Dependencies be put to international arbitration.

The United States attempted to maintain a strictly "neutral" attitude on the British dispute with Argentina and Chile.

Officials were wary of the possibility of alienating Latin American opinion by openly espousing the British point of view.

State Department officials were, however, privately expressing a strong hope that Argentina would agree to have the legality of her claim tested in the International Court and that no incident would occur in the few days to prejudice the chances of such an arbitration.

Uranium?
The "News Chronicle" said in a page-one story today that "uranium in the Falkland Islands is believed to be one of the reasons for Argentine and Chilean challenges to British sovereignty."

The writer, the paper's diplomatic correspondent, did not disclose the source of his information.

The Government Press Office has released a speech by President Peron in which the President says Argentina is an ally of neither the United States nor Russia.

In the address, which Peron delivered to the Argentine Congress on Feb. 5, the President said "Argentina occupies a third position and is not allied either with Russia or America"—Associated Press—Reuter.

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Home Fleet Sails

LONDON, FEB. 16. THE HOME FLEET, LED BY THE CRUISER SUPERB, SAILED TOMORROW FROM PORTLAND FOR GIBRALTAR ON A NORMAL PEACETIME SPRING CRUISE.

HMS Superb will be escorted by the destroyers Agincourt, Hunkirk, Albion and Jutland.

An Admiralty spokesman stated today that these ships will leave Gibraltar to return home on March 12.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet is Vice-Admiral Sir Rodolphe McGrigor, DSO. He is known to the Navy as "Wee Mac," because he stands only five feet four inches.

In pre-war days, the Home Fleet consisted of five battle-ships, two battle-cruisers, two aircraft carriers, six cruisers and 28 destroyers.—Reuter.

HMS "AJAX"
London, Feb. 16. The cruiser HMS Ajax, after serving in the Mediterranean since 1943, arrived at Sheerness today.

She is under the command of Captain S. B. de Courcy-Ireland. She will pay off before being transferred to the reserve fleet.—Reuter.

GERMAN STATE BANK
Paris, Feb. 17. Informed observers commenting today on the surprise report from Frankfurt at the non-participation of France in the German State Bank, formed by the Anglo-American bizonal authorities, pointed out that "no definite decision" had been made excluding France from joining the other two powers.

The observers also regarded as significant the absence of a French declaration dissociating France from the bank's establishment, which is recognised here as an urgently required currency reform measure.—Reuter.

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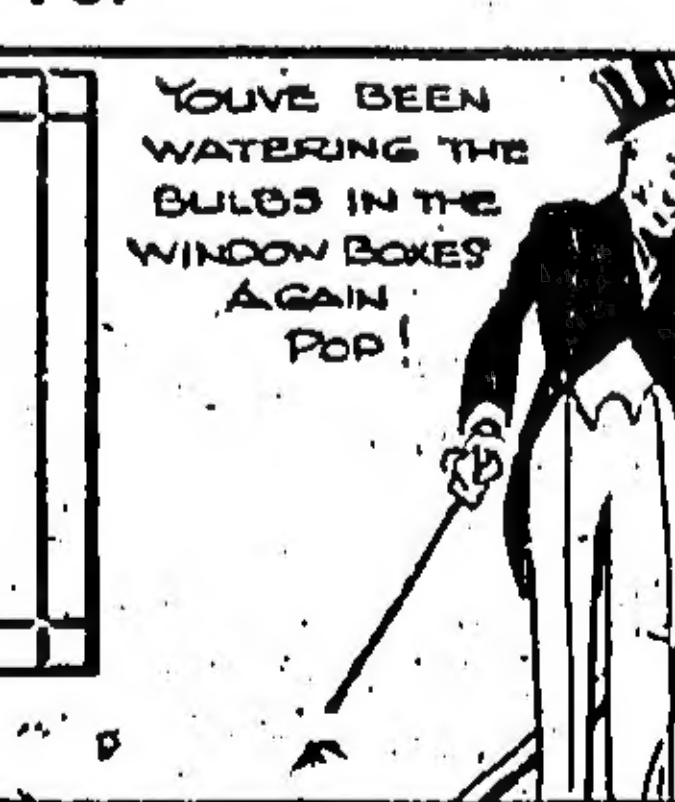
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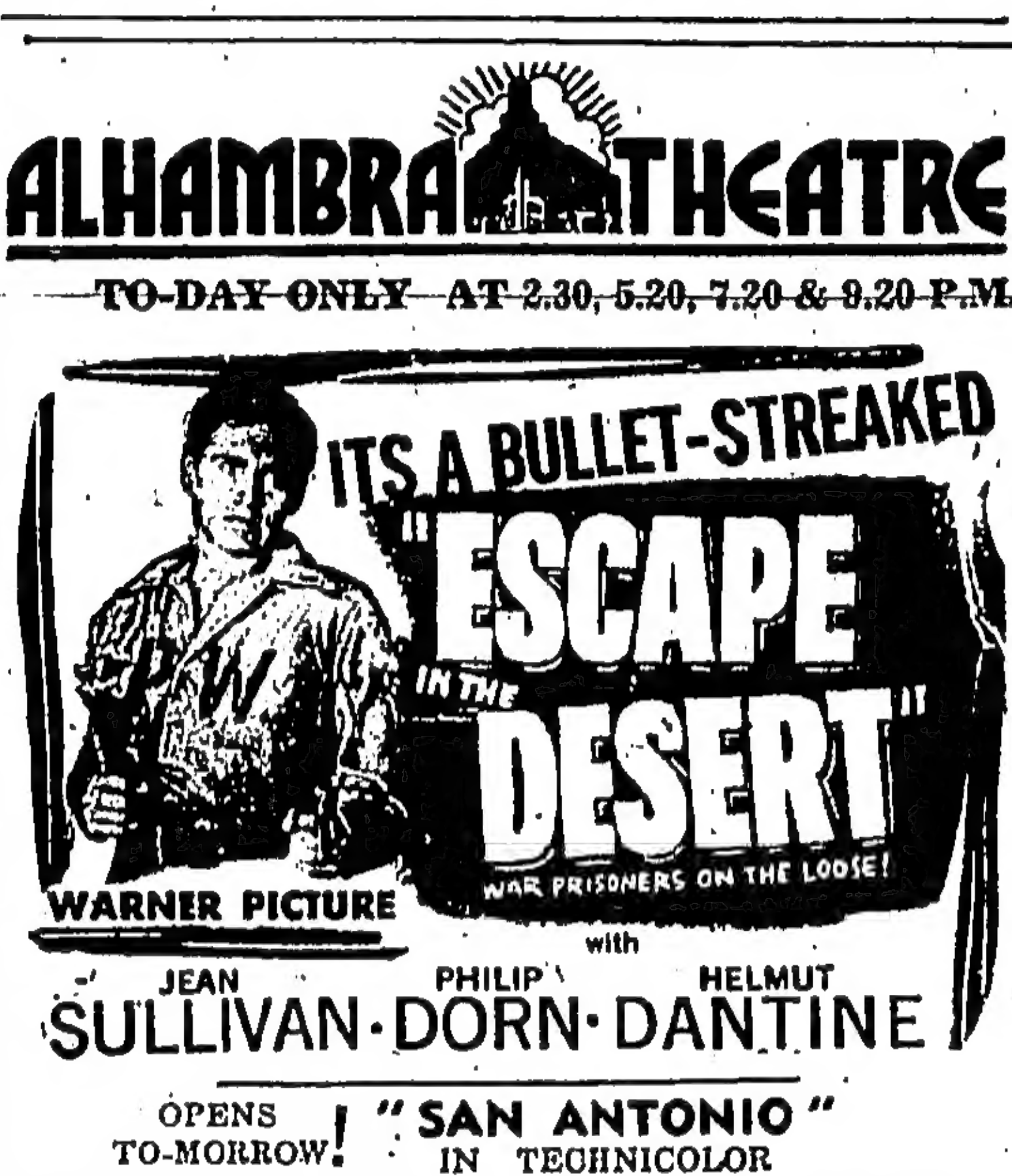
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DUNKLEY. To Gwen, wife of Captain W. R. M. Dunkley, at Queen Mary Hospital, on Monday, February 16, 1948, a son (Micklejohn).

PUT AWAY FOR SAFETY

There is nothing particularly new about the recent story of the man who for safety's sake secreted one hundred £1 notes in his wife's tag-bag which on the following day was given, all unwittingly, to a tagman. But then there is nothing particularly new about love, or death, or any of the other hoops that human beings have to go through; and there is a certain universality about the man's experience (to say nothing of his wife's) which makes it possible, indeed almost obligatory, to read into his sad loss some sort of lesson for us all.

Some men retain throughout their life a marked reluctance to put anything away. "I like to be able to put my hand on things" is a favourite phrase, and they seek to cater for this predilection by encouraging in their private possessions a sort of passive anarchy. In other words, they leave everything lying about, firmly persuaded that under any other system their belongings would to all intents and purposes vanish. While other men find it not only possible but actually convenient to keep, say, their nail-scissors in a drawer, these would despair of ever finding them if the quest did not involve displacing several stacks of irrelevant objects—two seed catalogues, an insurance policy, a batting glove, a map of Suffolk, a pack of patience cards, a small fossil, six unopened Christmas cards, and a dentist's bill. A miscellany of this kind is not merely the best repository; it is the only repository for a part of the man's life; it is the repository of these men, and it is really surprising how often they find what they are looking for.

At the opposite pole are the ultramethodical, the men with minds like filing cabinets and desks like deserts. A strict alphabetical order marshals the authors on their shelves and even their bedroom slippers seem to be perpetually at attention.

Their drawers, opening with none of that hesitancy which can be caused so easily by an old Balalaika helmet becoming wedged in the back of them, display a symmetry so wondrous as to be slightly inhuman; no matter how recalcitrant the object they seek they find it, whether it is a copy of their birth certificate or a false nose, in a flash—unless, of course, some thoughtless intruder, some supererogatory tidier-up has moved it from its appointed place.

Terrible, then, is the distress of these methodical people. Not only is the whole pattern of their loving storage flawed, but their quest becomes automatically almost hopeless. With them, if a thing is not in its right place it is for practical purposes nowhere. Not for them the ever hopeful scrabbling among shelves of documents or whorls of socks intertwined like hibernating adders, nor for them the shifting of books by the armful to see if whatever it is is not stuck in the back of the sofa; they are defeated, for if a thing is not in its right place it must be in the wrong place, a *terra incognita* which they are fitted neither by habit nor temperament to explore. Still, it takes all sorts to make a world. Untidiness is anti-social, and on the whole it is better to put things away than to leave them lying about; though the experience of this precept with too much ingenuity suggests that there are exceptions to this as to other rules.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

BEAVERBROOK SINGS A STRANGE SONG

The polite prose which the Beaverbrook Press is pumping into the Marshall Plan discussion—replete with thanks, new offers of dollar aid, etc.—is a strange sing to American ears.

Shorn of its old-world courtesy, it has an unfortunate resemblance to the current hit tune: "I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat for me."

Taxpayers here would like very much to know how many British people are humming this ditty. They would be interested to discover how strong is the body of British opinion opposed to accepting more American money.

Hoarding It Up

If the number of non-borrowers is large, then the disposition to hoard out more millions is naturally going to be qualified.

The propelling power behind the European Recovery Plan is essentially the harsh necessities of Europe, the stark need for aid. But with some big British hews, papers expressing thankful rejection, what is the voter and the politician here to think? Certainly the opponents of Marshall Plan are hoarding for use later this declaration of dollar independence.

The Oil Cut

In New York and along the eastern seaboard shortage of oil is affecting enthusiasm for shipping supplies abroad. There is not enough oil for the lamps of Manhattan, let alone China.

Thousands of families have shivered throughout the week in unheated homes as the weather hit zero and played there.

Congressmen say the U.S. Navy now has only enough oil for two weeks of war, which seems irrelevant, but makes headlines.

The pinch in petrol is being felt, and drastic conservation orders have been issued. Many cinemas, theatres, night clubs, and bowling alleys expect to be shut down. For once the U.S. has been caught short, and in a slight panic it has slashed its exports of fuel oil and gasoline by 18.5 per cent.

Not To Taste

The isolationists are proclaiming that this is a taste of what the Marshall Plan will mean and want to know why the 16 participating European nations get 75 per cent of their petroleum from

the Western Hemisphere and only 25 per cent from the Middle East.

In fashions the New Look has demonstrated that it is here to stay and there is hardly a short-skirted girl left in New York.

The highlight of my own week was the arrival of Daily Mail editor Frank Owen, here to lecture and look things over.

New York says the deeper we get into peace the more war-like it looks.

British cannot keep out of the American news, but whether you will agree with the reports coming from London about yourselves is a doubtful

Says the magazine *Newsweek*: "London is both dearer and perkier than it was two years

ago.... Black Market talk and activity, though still insular, compared to the Continent, are much more noticeable. People who never cheated before now occasionally argue themselves into a dubious purchase."



Queue Tip-Off

There is this brilliant description of a queue: "A neuter caterpillar, no mind, no soul, just a slow moving, body trained by years of experience to crawl in the right direction."

The Diary's mail continues to be voluminous. The main topics are again spirited replies to alleged anti-American feeling in Britain and requests for advice from couples and families who want to emigrate to the U.S., but cannot make up their minds.

Roaring Forties

Bradway is in the doldrums. The Arctic weather is keeping audiences away from everything but the hit shows.

The public is complaining, too, about the cramped, old-fashioned, and sometimes dirty theatres which line the Forties in the Times-square area.

It is strange but true that some of London's entertainment houses are more modern and palatial than New York's. This applies especially to cinemas.

Harlem, the great Negro section, which used to attract tourists, gawkers, and free spenders to its cabarets, dance-halls, and night clubs, is trying to climb back into popularity.

In the '20's and '30's, part of setting the town included a trip to Harlem, but this custom dwindled in the '40's. Today Harlem businessmen have got together to siphon off trade from Broadway.

The colour bar is less troublesome in New York than in most American cities. Negroes are refused accommodation at most hotels in Manhattan and denied food and drink in the majority of restaurants, but it is all done with an air of decorum and accepted habit.

The great Negro artist Paul Robeson continues to crusade against this segregation. He says he will abandon the theatre and accept stage "to talk up and down and nation against race-hatred and prejudice."

Incidentally, two members of the American cast of "Anna Lucasta" are suing a Chicago hotel for 50,000 dollars because they were refused a room there.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"When do they start throwing away the taxpayers' money?"

The Man On The White Charger

By Noel Monks

Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Britain's most self-effacing general, has now told his story of the African campaign he commanded from El Alamein to Tunis.

He tells it as his old comrades in the Western Desert would expect—clearly, modestly, objectively.

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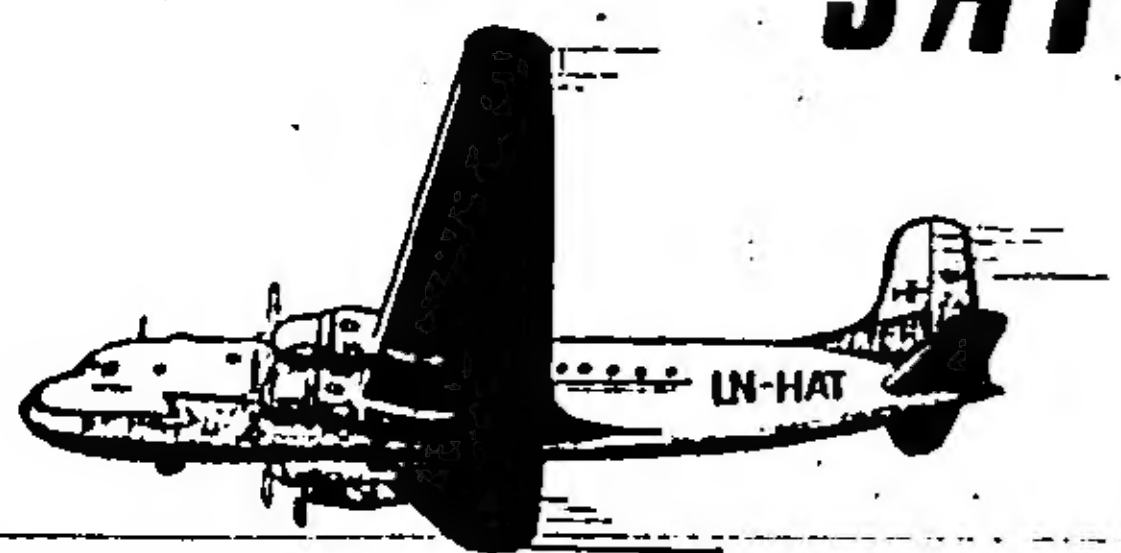
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Russians Accuse Britain, U.S. Of More Attempted Double-Crossing

A Kind Word For Mr. Churchill!

Moscow, Feb. 17.

Russia today accused the United States of conducting negotiations for a separate peace with Germany in 1943 with the idea of erecting a diplomatic wall to prevent the westward spread of Bolshevism.

Russia also accused Britain of conducting similar negotiations with Germany in 1941.

According to Russia, Mr. Allen Dulles (then attached to the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland) conducted negotiations with the German Prince Hohenlohe, "on direct instructions on the authority of the White House."

She alleged that the idea was to establish a Greater Germany and consolidate the rest of East Europe in order to prevent the westward spread of Bolshevism and pan-Slavism.

Mr. Dulles said in New York: "It is all nonsense. The latter the he the more they—the Russians expect you to become stirred up."

Max Aitken

The alleged British negotiations were conducted in Portugal by the Hon Max Aitken, son of the British newspaper magnate, Lord Beaverbrook, the Russian charges said.

Russia said Mr. Aitken negotiated with a Hungarian named Gustav von Koober, who was "acting with authority from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

Second Front

The statement also accused the United States and Britain of deliberately delaying the opening of a second front in the West in World War II in order to bleed Russia white and end her role as a world power.

On the other hand, Russia said, when the Germans made

Hungarians In Moscow

Moscow, Feb. 16. The President of Hungary, Dr. Zoltan Tildy, and a Hungarian delegation led by the Premier, M. Lajos Dinnyes, arrived in Moscow today.

They were met by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and the Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, Marshal Voroshilov.—Reuter.

their great Christmas 1944 attack in the Ardennes, Stalin ordered an offensive to relieve Nazi pressure.

In this connection, the Bureau disclosed an exchange of messages between Stalin and Premier Winston Churchill. It quoted Mr. Churchill as saying, "The battle in the West is very heavy... I shall be grateful if you can tell me whether we can count on a major Russian offensive on the Eastern front or elsewhere during January... I regard the matter as urgent."

Churchill

Stalin was quoted as replying, despite bad weather hampering planes and artillery, "In view of the position of our Allies on the Western Front, headquarters of the Supreme Command has decided to complete preparations at a forced pace, disregarding the weather, and launch wide-scale offensive operations against the Germans all along the Central Front not later than the second half of January. You need not doubt we shall do everything that can possibly be done to render help to the glorious troops of our Allies."

Mr. Churchill was then quoted as later congratulating Stalin on the "immense assault you have launched from the Eastern Front." According to Russia, this message added, "That is how true allies act in a common struggle."

"Defence"

Continuing defence of Russia's political and military moves before Germany attacked her, the Russian statement said Russia's seizure of Eastern Poland, the Baltic Republics and other Eastern European areas, and her attack on Finland were necessary to self-defence, because Russia knew Germany would attack sooner or later.

It compared the Russian seizures to "British troop movements" and the United States landings in Africa. He also said no one but an enemy of democracy could interpret the moves as anything but a matter of defence.—United Press.

The Story Of Spain Again?

London, Feb. 16. There is "no direct evidence" that the Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian Governments are giving concrete aid to the Greek rebels, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and Deputy to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, stated in the House of Commons today, in reply to a question.

He added, however, that the British Government was aware that a number of aid to the rebels had been set up in the three countries and these could not function without the support of the respective Governments.

The Minister said some of these states were subject to observation by committees of the United Nations. He wanted to make it clear the British Government strongly disapproves of any action to assist revolution against the legally elected Government of Greece.—Reuter.

Spain Invited To Attend

London, Feb. 16. Spain is among 46 countries invited to attend the Second International Federation of Agricultural Producers said today.

Invitations have also been sent to some non-members of the Federation, including all the South American states, the Soviet Union and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The main task of the Congress, which will back the efforts of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, will be "to frame a policy to help the farmers in all parts of the world in advancing their own industries in order to increase world agricultural production."

Other topics to be discussed include international commodity agreements, disposal of food surpluses and plans for international stabilisation of prices.—Reuter.

FUTURE OF TELEVISION

New York, Feb. 17.

J. R. Poppel, President of the "Television Broadcasters' Association," predicted today that television will give employment to 100,000 persons by the end of 1950.

He said television at present employs about 30,000 persons, but by next December 5,000 more will be added.

"Television employment is going to increase by leaps and bounds from then on," he said.—Associated Press.

Hindu Organisation Dissolves

New Delhi, Feb. 17. Because of "the danger of civil war between Hindus," the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha Orthodox Hindu organisation, to which Godse, Gandhi's alleged assassin, was said to have belonged, decided today to suspend its political activities.

A resolution declared there were "tragic signs of fratricide in different parts of India after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi."

The Mahasabha would concentrate on refugee relief and "a solution of our diverse social, cultural and religious problems for the creation of a powerful and well-organised Hindu society in an independent State."

The Working Committee last night outlawed terrorism as a means of achieving Mahasabha aims and, in another resolution, pledged support for the National Government "in its efforts to suppress subversive activities in any shape or form."

At the same time, the Muslim League Parliamentary Party, in the United Provinces, for more than 10 years the Opposition in the provincial legislature, decided to dissolve.

The reasons given were that it was "neither possible nor desirable to have a communal Parliamentary party in a secular democratic State based on the principle of a joint electorate.—Reuter.

More "Inside Information"

Nuremberg, Feb. 16.

German political and naval leaders, urged the entry of Japan into the war although they were fully aware that this would bring in the United States, Captain Reincke, formerly of the German Naval Staff, told an American War Crimes Tribunal here today.

Giving evidence at the trial of 21 former high officials of the German Foreign Office, Captain Reincke said Admiral Fricke, Chief of the Naval Command, argued that Japan's entry into the war would force Britain to strengthen her Far Eastern Fleet and thus improve the German Navy's prospects in the Atlantic, though it was realised it would bring the United States into the war.—Reuter.

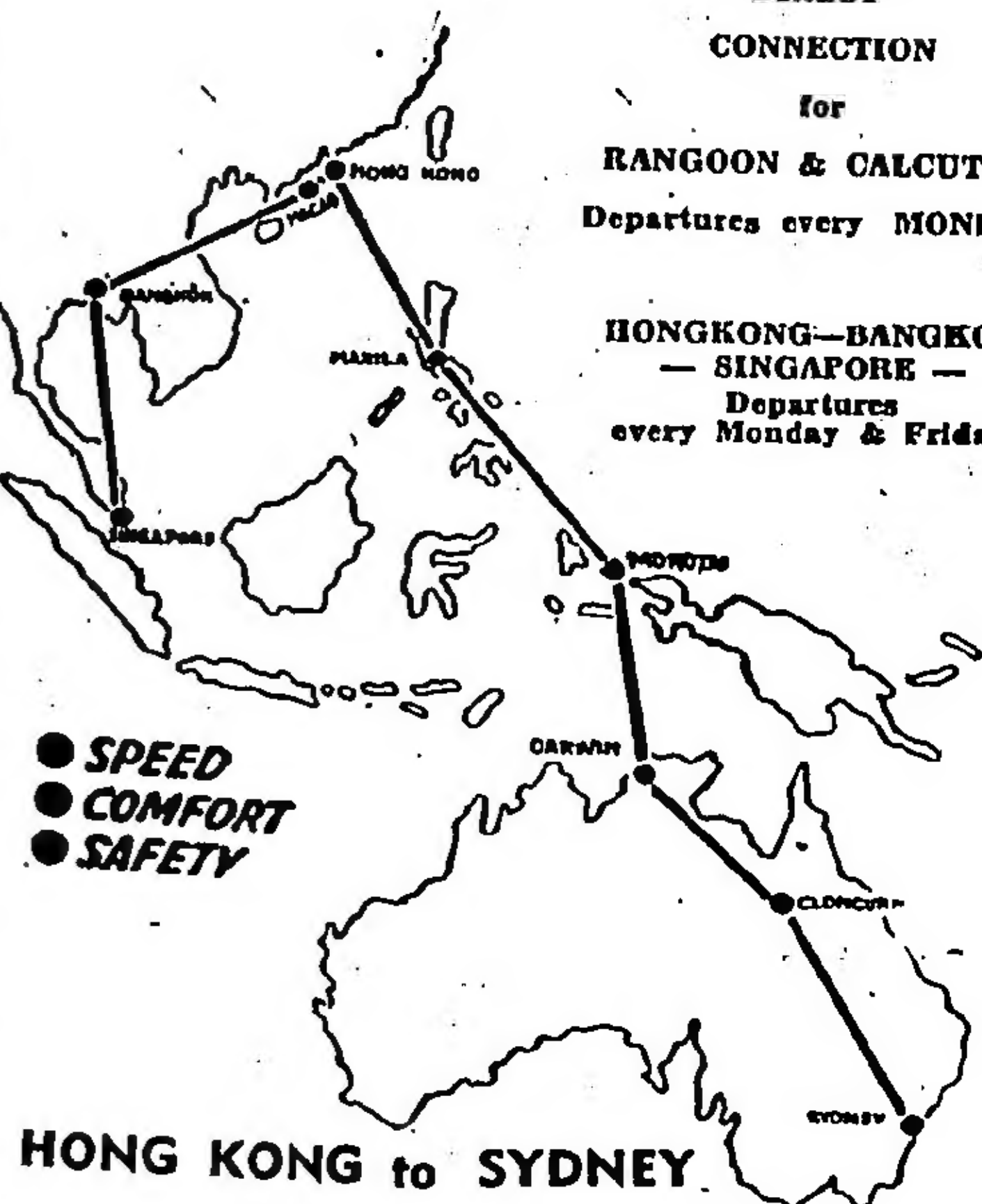
London, Feb. 16. More than 1,200 miners at four collieries in the Swansea area went on strike today in sympathy with 15 stay-down strikers who have been underground in the Tarent Colliery, Swansea Valley, since last Thursday.—Reuter.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

JAPAN INDUSTRIAL KNOW-HOW STILL A MAJOR THREAT

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There is some enquiry for the heavy investments, but there is not much scrip available. The rest of the market is irregular and subject to bargaining.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 1925/26 24 1/2
5% Loan 1926/27 24 1/2

BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Chartered Bank 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 24 1/2
Bank of East Asia 18 1/2, 18 1/2

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Union Ins. 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
China Underwriters 24 1/2, 24 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. 24 1/2

SHIPPING
Douglas 24 1/2, 24 1/2
H.K. & M. Steamship 18 1/2
Indo China (S.S.) 24 1/2
Shanghai (S.S.) 24 1/2

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & S. Wharves (S.S.) 24 1/2
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Manila, Feb. 17. The American-owned Manila Bulletin, in an editorial today, said: "The Japanese know-how in industrialism and foreign trade is still as powerful a threat as it ever was to the ambitious efforts of Asiatic nations who would compete with her."

"A British Member of Parliament visited Japan recently and came away with the conclusion that the Japanese now really see what a mistake the war was. Had Japan spent the war cost on subsidizing her export trade, she would now be in complete control of Asia, with every neighbouring nation her economic vassal."

"To the Asiatic people, that has a frightening sound. Japan's neighbours well know from past experience how adept she is at economic penetration and market control. Once Japanese goods are established, local people cannot compete."

"They can climb tariff barriers and still sell at a profit... 'Gen MacArthur is represented as feeling there is no real danger of Japan flooding the markets of the East. On the contrary, there is the risk that the rising cost of materials, increased demands of Japanese labour for more pay and the poverty of the people where Japan could sell her manufactured goods might not even provide enough trade to keep overcrowded Japan going."

The Answer?
"As a basis for sound judgment of the Japanese trade potential, this news item seems based on too many uncertainties to be valid. Japanese industry and ingenuity have conquered worse problems. 'Adding up all arguments pro and con it seems by far the wisest thing to postpone the peace conference for another three to five years and leave the Japs under American surveillance."

"The United States can afford the money it costs, but not the chaos that might result from a makeshift and compromise peace, one in which Russia would almost certainly have a hand."—United Press.

Notice To Consignees
Consignees per DOWELL-CASTLE LINE S.S. "ROSALIE MOLLER"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on 23rd February, 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Feb. 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th March 1948 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD. Agents.
Ben Line Steamers Ltd.
Hong Kong, 19th Feb. 1948

Notice To Consignees
Consignees per Canada Asiatic Lines Ltd. S.S. "GULFSIDE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on 17th February.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th February, 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 28th February, 1948, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb. 1948.

London Stock Exchange

London, Feb. 16.

SECURITIES:
British Consols 2 1/2% 100 1/2
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2% 1901 100 1/2
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 1900/01 100 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2% 1902 100 1/2
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Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 100 1/2
RAILWAY SHARES:
British Transport, 3 1/2% 88 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:
B.A.T. 4 1/2% 100 1/2
Dunlop Rubber Co., 4 1/2% 100 1/2
I.C.I. 4 1/2% 100 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain & Ireland) 4 1/2% 100 1/2

RUBBER SHARES:
Anglo-Dutch Plantation of Java 10 1/2
Guthrie Plantation Estate 10 1/2
Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust 20 1/2

OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch 21 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 4 1/2

SHIPPING:
P. & O. S.N. Co., ord. 85 1/2
GILBERT & CO. 100 1/2
Funding Loan, 3 1/2% 100 1/2
National War Bonds, 2 1/2% 100 1/2

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Mitsubishi Bank of India "A" 21 1/2

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